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ALAMEDA CORRIDOR-EAST CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY REGULAR BOARD MEETING-MARCH 26, 2007

On March 26, 2007, my staff attended the regular Board meeting of the Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) Construction Authority. A copy of the agenda and adopted minutes of the January 22, 2007, regular Board meeting are attached. No meeting was held in February 2007. The following items were discussed at the meeting, which are of interest to the County.

Agenda Item VI—The Chief Executive Officer reported the following:

On March 12, 2007, ACE Board members met with the San Gabriel Congressional and Committee members regarding ACE's request for Fiscal Year 2007-08 Federal transportation appropriation funds.

Construction of the Reservoir Street Grade Separation project is complete and a dedication ceremony was held on April 2, 2007, in the City of Pomona.

On March 6, 2007, the State Senate Transportation and Housing Committee held a hearing regarding funding policies and guidelines for the allocation of \$2 billion available under the Goods Movement Program of Proposition 1B. Also, the first working group meeting for the development of the guidelines for this Program was held on March 16, 2007. It is anticipated that funding from this Program will not be available until next year.

Agenda Item VIII—The Board approved staff's recommendation to support various legislative bills pertaining to the allocation of Proposition 1B funds that are of interest to ACE.

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The next Board meeting will be held on April 23, 2007, at 2 p.m., at the El Monte City Hall.

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Monday, March 26, 2007 – 2:00 P.M.

El Monte City Hall – Council Chambers

11333 Valley Blvd.

El Monte, CA 91731

**NOTE CHANGE
OF MEETING
LOCATION**

Members of the public may comment on any item on the agenda at the time it is taken up by the Board. We ask that members of the public come forward to be recognized by the Chair and keep their remarks brief. If several persons wish to address the Board on a single item, the Chair may impose a three-minute time limit on individual remarks at the beginning of the discussion.

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| I. Roll Call and Introductions | |
| II. Pledge of Allegiance | |
| III. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of January 22, 2007 (Pages 1-5) | Action |
| IV. Public Comment | |
| V. Chairman's Remarks | Information |
| VI. Chief Executive Officer's Report (Pages 6-20) | Information |
| VII. Approval of Contract for Evaluation & Testing of Train Detector Devices (Pages 21-26) | Action |
| VIII. Approval of Positions on State Transportation Legislation (Pages 27-30) | Action |
| IX. SGVCOG Bylaw Changes Affecting ACE Construction Authority (Pages 31-37) | Information |
| X. The Board will adjourn to the Ramona Blvd. Grade Separation Project for a site tour. | |
| XI. Adjournment | Action |

Please note – For your protection, for those planning on participating in the tour of the Ramona Blvd. grade separation project, flat hard-soled shoes are required. Safety vests, goggles and hard hats will be provided at the job site.

The ACE Construction Authority is currently constituted of seven (7) member jurisdiction; the Cities of El Monte, Industry, Montebello, San Gabriel and Pomona, the County of Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. A San Bernardino County Council of Governments representative is an ex-officio Board member.

Each member or alternate has one vote. A quorum of the ACE Construction Authority is no less than four (4) of its total voting membership. Actions taken by the ACE Construction Authority shall be by simple majority of the members present with a quorum in attendance except for personnel actions, the annual budget, matters dealing with the Administrative Code or matters requiring subsequent approval by the SGVCOG, all of which shall require five (5) votes.



**ACE Construction Authority
Regular Board Meeting
January 22, 2007
Minutes**

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at the Irwindale City Hall at 2:09 PM.

1. In attendance were:

Ernest Gutierrez, Chairman
George Hunter, Vice Chair, Pomona
Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar, SGVCOG
Phil Marcellin, Industry
Bob Bagwell, Montebello
Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel
Paul Eaton, SANBAG

Staff

Rick Richmond, Chief Executive Officer
Joe Silvey, Legal Counsel
Sharon Neely, staff
Lou Cluster, staff
Girish Roy, staff
Bruce Armistead, staff
Cynthia Ambrose, staff
Deanna Stanley, staff
Chip Conway, staff

Guests

David Varnam, Congressman Gary Miller's office
Gary Neely, Assemblyman Bob Huff's office
Jack Yoshino, City of Walnut
Donna Lee, Southern California Edison

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Hunter led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes of December 19, 2006

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of December 19, 2006.
M/S/C: Baldwin/Hunter/Unanimous

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Chairman's Report

Chairman Gutierrez indicated reviewed a press release issued regarding the

Governor's Goods Movement Plan. The Chairman encouraged the Board to attend the February 15th COG Governing Board meeting where the Board would be asked to approve a recommendation for Phase II ACE Projects.

6. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mr. Richmond indicated the MTA had a goods movement workshop on January 29th soliciting ideas on policies for funding to submit to the CTC. Mr. Richmond reminded the Board of the upcoming legislative meetings to be held in Washington, DC March 12-14 and asked any members interested in attending to let staff know. Mr. Richmond reported that on January 11 the BTH and EPA released the Governor's Goods Movement Plan which was a comprehensive approach for the future of goods movement along with environmental mitigation measures. He indicated the capital program recommendation was \$3.5 billion and included an allocation of \$691 million for the ACE trade corridor, a combination of Riverside, Orange and Los Angeles Counties with \$331 million allocated to Los Angeles County. Lastly, Mr. Richmond indicated an event was being planned for Reservoir Street grade separation and details will be provided as soon as they are available.

Bruce Armistead, Senior Project Manager reviewed progress photos for the Temple Avenue train diversion, Reservoir Street and East End projects. Girish Roy reviewed the progress photos of the Brea Canyon Road grade separation project. Lou Cluster reviewed the progress photos of the Ramona Street grade separation project. George Nomura reported on Bechtel/Korve program management activities.

7. Election of Officers

Chairman Gutierrez opened nominations for Chairman. A motion was made to nominate Ernest Gutierrez Chairman by member Marcellin and seconded by member Baldwin. There were no other nominations.

M/S/C:Marcellin/Baldwin/Unanimous

Chairman Gutierrez opened nominations for Vice Chairman. A motion was made to nominate George Hunter Vice Chairman by member Baldwin and seconded by Carol Herrera. There were no other nominations.

M/S/C:Baldwin/Herrera/Unanimous

8. Approval of Partial Acceptance of Reservoir Street Grade Separation Project from Ortiz Enterprises, Inc.

Mr. Richmond reviewed the scope of the Reservoir Street and East End Avenue grade separations. He indicated the Reservoir Street grade separation was substantially complete with the First Street roadway bridge and railroad bridge

both functioning and Reservoir Street opened to traffic on December 29, 2006. He indicated the UPRR, Pomona City and ACE staff accept the major elements complete with only landscape, lighting, handrails and pump station yet to be completed.

A motion was made to accept the Reservoir Street grade separation substantially complete.

M/S/C:Baldwin/Herrera/Unanimous

9. Approval of Declaration of Surplus Property in the City of Pomona

Mr. Richmond reviewed the properties affected by the construction of the Reservoir Street grade separation project that were no longer necessary. Of the parcels recommended one was a single family dwelling which staff recommended be demolished and potentially sold in combination with the vacant land adjacent along Price Street. The other parcels were a combination of vacant lots at Monterey and Reservoir. He indicated the City was reviewing their master plans and zoning of the area, which would have an effect on the potential sale. He indicated the sale would proceed in accordance with Caltrans guidelines.

A motion was made to declare parcels 17x, 17v, 17v-1, 17w-1, 17w-3 and 17u in the City of Pomona as surplus property.

M/S/C:Marcellin/Baldwin/Unanimous

10. Approval of Sale of Nogales Street Excess Property

Mr. Richmond reminded the Board that the sale of the Nogales Street excess property was being sold for full asking price. He indicated that during the process of selling the property to the recommended developer (by the West Covina Community Development Commission) we were notified that Caltrans guidelines did not permit the sale to a private developer. He reported that the guidelines would permit the property be sold to West Covina Community Development Commission who may, in turn, sell the property to the developer. He indicated the Commission was acceptable with this arrangement with the understanding that ACE would reimburse them for modest attorney fees necessary during for the sale.

A motion was made to rescind the previous authorization to sell 5.5 acres of surplus property at Nogales and Valley to CGM West Covina, LLC and in lieu of that, authorize the sale of this parcel to the West Covina Community Development Commission for \$5,145,000 and that ACE would reimburse
M/S/C:Herrera/Hunter/Unanimous

11. Approval Baldwin Avenue Grade Separation Property Acquisition

Mr. Richmond reviewed the components of the Baldwin Avenue grade separation project. Included are: acquisition/relocation of 22 residential, 6-7 commercial parcels and 4-5 easements; utility relocations; railroad shoofly; two-track railroad bridge; roadway underpass between Rose and Gidley Streets, retaining walls and slopebacks and landscaping. He reminded the Board that this project has been on hold since 2003 due to funding uncertainties. He updated the Board on prior action and identified the updated property requirements and budget.

A motion was made to restart project development activities on the Baldwin Avenue grade separation project through the following authorizations:

- Initiation of property acquisition and relocation activities;
- Amendment to the approved property inventory as described in the staff report
- Amendment to the FY to the Bechtel/Korve JV contract in an amount of \$600,000 to support environmental, property acquisition and relocation activities.

M/S/C:Baldwin/Marcellin/Unanimous

12. Quarterly Project Progress Report

Mr. Richmond indicated the project quarterly report has been updated since last quarter. The update includes deletion of project information of completed projects and addition of revised budgets updating the overall project as presented to the Board in December, resulting in an overall net increase of \$11.4 million from last quarter. Contributors to the cost increase were: late invoices received from the UPPR on the completed Nogales Street grade separation project of \$.2M, design, construction and design construction support for the Temple Avenue project (train diversion and 4th track) combined of \$2.9M, right-of-way purchase (Hartlieb building) at Brea Canyon Road of \$3M and revised estimates for the Baldwin Avenue grade separation project of \$25.3 million. Mr. Richmond reviewed the accomplishments. They included substantial completion of the Reservoir Street grade separation project, opening Reservoir to traffic on December 29th, closing East End Ave for roadway excavation and shoofly track grading; completed west bridge piles, pump house construction and continued retaining wall construction at Ramona Blvd., completion of the audiology lab and continued pier protection structures on the Temple Avenue project, closure of Brea Canyon Road and Metrolink lot access road opened to traffic, Walnut Valley Water and Gas Co. utility relocations complete while SCE, MWD storm and sewer lines continue at Brea Canyon Road. The notice to proceed was issued for the Sunset Avenue grade separation project in November. There were no issues that affected schedules during this quarter.

13. Public Comment

Ms. Donna Lee of Southern California Edison complimented the ACE team for their efforts towards maintaining a positive working relationship with Edison and thanked the team for their continued efforts.

14. Quarterly Financial Report

Chip Conway, Finance Manager reviewed quarterly budget versus accrued actuals, cash expenditures by project, expenditures versus receipts by project and overall investments. There were no questions.

15. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn at 3:07PM